



**Southern Regional Office (SRO)**  
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**Final Minutes of the  
Park-Euclid Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site  
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 37th meeting**

February 18, 2009, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
State of Arizona Regional Complex  
400 W. Congress, North Building, Conference Room 158  
Tucson, Arizona

CAB Members Present: Justin Berkompas, Richard Byrd, Mark Marikos, Jonathan Salvatierra, Jacky Turchick, Mario Villarreal

CAB Members Absent: Keith Bagwell, Freya Eddy, Steven Turner, Josefina Zapata

ADEQ Staff Present: Tina Le Page, Project Manager; William Ellett, Superfund Programs Unit Manager, Southern Regional Office; Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Bill Richards, Menachem Turchick

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The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Co-chair Jacky Turchick conducted introductions of CAB members and public participants. Since a quorum was not present at the start of the meeting, agenda item #8 was addressed first.

**2. Approval of Minutes for 9/10/08 CAB Meeting**

This agenda item was addressed after a quorum of members was present. Mark Marikos motioned to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2008, CAB meeting. Jonathan Salvatierra seconded the motion. The CAB voted; all were in favor, none were opposed.

**3. Vote on CAB Member Resignation: Josefina Zapata**

The CAB voted on the resignation of Josefina Zapata. All were in favor; none opposed. The CAB suggested a letter be sent thanking her for her service.

**4. Discussion and Vote on CAB Applications: Bill Richards; Menachem Turchick**

Bill Richards introduced himself and said that he is a co-chair of the Miles Neighborhood Association which is adjacent to the site. He said they meet the third Wednesday of every month.

He said that he would like to join the CAB because of concern about the site and will relay the information from this meeting to his neighborhood.

Menachem Turchick introduced himself and said that he lived across from the WQARF site for ten years and now lives in the Broadway Blvd., Euclid Street area. He said he wants to have more of a voice in the cleanup process. Mark Marikos motioned to elect both Bill Richards and Menachem Turchick to the Park-Euclid CAB. Jonathan Salvatierra seconded the motion. The CAB voted. All were in favor; none opposed. The new members were invited to sit at the table and were provided with CAB notebooks. Eileen Palese said that there are now eleven members of the Park-Euclid CAB.

## **5. Site Update**

Tina Le Page provided a site update and distributed the most recent data from GeoTrans, the ADEQ consultant for the site. She explained that the first table shows a list of monitor wells and the construction depths for each. The second table provides data on the depth of water and of the free product in the water. The third table is a list of constituents that were detected during the last sampling rounds in November 2008. She said that the samples from the University of Arizona (UA) sentinel wells, UAM-1-2-3 and 2B, were collected on a monthly basis, so they are also included on the tables. She pointed out two figures in the back of the report which show the concentrations in the perched and the regional aquifers; those concentrations basically correspond to the concentrations in Table 3. She said that the recent site data is similar to what has been reported over the last few years. Groundwater is still moving in the regional aquifer in a north to northeast direction. Overall, the concentrations in the monitor wells are decreasing slightly.

Tina Le Page informed the CAB that due to the state budget shortfall, ADEQ issued a stop work order to all consultants, including GeoTrans, the consultants working on the Park-Euclid WQARF site. She said this means that monitor wells, including the UA sentinel wells, will not be sampled by ADEQ. She said ADEQ project managers plan to continue to do reporting in-house and will attempt to move forward with site work. She said the consultants did take recent samples and will provide them in a report to ADEQ. She said the state fiscal year ends June 30, 2009. She said it is unknown what funds will be available beginning July 1; however, WQARF funds have thus far been held for sites that are directly protecting drinking water treatment systems.

The CAB asked questions about the stop work order and future WQARF funding. Jacky Turchick asked if Mission Linen will continue the remediation work they have undertaken at the plant. Tina Le Page said that ADEQ does not have jurisdiction over what Mission Linen does at the plant because no state funding has been used for the Multi-Phase Extraction System. She said they do both share information about their cleanup efforts. Mario Villarreal, who works for Mission Linen, said he has not been updated recently on what is happening with the insurance companies that are paying for the plant remediation system. He said Joe Drazek can report on the progress of this at the next meeting.

Jonathan Salvatierra asked how the Park-Euclid WQARF site compares to other sites in the area in terms of importance. Tina LePage said some WQARF or Superfund sites do have higher

concentrations of contamination than Park-Euclid in the soil and in the groundwater. Concern is highest when a site is located near drinking water or production wells. She said all of the WQARF sites are important, but they need to be prioritized, especially now with the limited funding.

Eileen Palese said that the 2008 Annual Registry Report for the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund is on the handout table for anyone that would like a copy. William Ellett said that the WQARF Advisory Board has, for several years, been discussing a way to come up with a better way to prioritize all of the sites in the state which are supported by WQARF funding. He also said that some of the sites have their drinking water systems directly protected by treatment systems, so those sites would be considered a priority. Tina Le Page explained how WQARF sites were originally scored and added to the Site Registry.

#### **6. Call to the Public**

Jacky Turchick stated that she and all of the CAB members felt a great loss when they heard Don Davis had passed away at the end of January. William Ellett said that Don Davis was a professor at the UA since 1972. He said he passed away while watching a tennis game, one of his passions. Jacky Turchick asked if there was an address for his family where the CAB could mail a letter of condolence. William Ellett said he will get that for the CAB from the UA Hydrology Department.

#### **7. CAB Discussion of WQARF Program Funding**

Jacky Turchick opened a discussion on whether the CAB wants to draft a letter to the legislature or the governor regarding funding for the WQARF program. William Ellett said the CAB is certainly free to do that, but that ADEQ has been working with Governor Brewer's office to come up with budget solutions. He said all state agencies are facing a significant budget shortfall. Mark Marikos said that it might not be productive for the CAB to push the issue of WQARF funding when all state agencies, and educational institutions such as the UA, are in the same situation. The CAB discussed the state funding issues. Jacky Turchick asked if the Remedial Investigation (RI) report will be finalized. Tina Le Page said that she will now do the work in-house, without consultant help. The consultants usually have 7-8 people working on the site, so the reporting time will take longer. Jacky Turchick asked again if the CAB does want to write a letter to the state. The CAB decided not to write a letter.

#### **8. Presentation: *Using Compound Specific Isotope Analysis at Park-Euclid* – Justin Berkompas**

Justin Berkompas, CAB member and a graduate student at the UA, presented *Using Compound Specific Isotope Analysis at Park Euclid* and answered questions about the work he did for his thesis at the Park-Euclid WQARF Site on subsurface contaminant transport. The CAB asked questions about his work and thanked him for his presentation.

#### **9. Discussion of Change to CAB Charter to Allow Alternate Members**

Eileen Palese asked if the CAB wanted to wait until Freya Eddy and Steven Turner were at a meeting to hold this discussion since they had requested becoming alternate members to each other. She provided a copy of the Park-Euclid CAB Charter with highlighted suggested changes. The CAB discussed changing the CAB charter and the need for alternate members. The CAB discussed

attendance and that members are required by the charter to notify the co-chairs if they are not able to attend. Richard Byrd moved to leave the charter as is, and at the next meeting to act on the existing rules and vote off members who do not notify the co-chairs that they are unable to attend a meeting, or who come late to meetings. Mario Villarreal seconded the motion. The CAB voted on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. CAB members further discussed attendance issues. Eileen Palese said that Keith Bagwell did call her to let the CAB know he was unable to make the meeting. The CAB discussed the new membership numbers and the ability to now reach a quorum. The CAB finally decided to add an agenda item for the next meeting to vote to terminate the memberships of Freya Eddy and Steven Turner due to attendance concerns.

#### **10. CAB Outreach Reports**

Jacky Turchick presented two letters the co-chairs had drafted; one to Union Pacific Railroad and one which would be sent to two neighborhood associations seeking new members. The CAB members discussed and reviewed the letters. Mark Marikos provided background information about the diesel contamination for the new members. He said that the source is still unknown; however, the CAB wanted to invite Union Pacific Railroad to attend the meeting or to join the CAB so they could have a voice in remediation efforts in the site area. CAB members discussed how the contamination may have occurred over many years of railroad operations in the area. The CAB agreed that the letters should be finalized by the co-chairs and mailed.

#### **11. Other Administrative Business**

Eileen Palese said that the WQARF Advisory Board met in Tucson on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Jacky Turchick, Richard Byrd and Mark Marikos attended, as well as members from other Southern Arizona CABs. Field trips were also held in the afternoon. A lot of information was provided about the state budget at the meeting. The board seemed very impressed with the participation of Tucson residents on the boards. They presented Certificates of Appreciation to all Tucson-area CAB members. William Ellett then presented certificates to members that were unable to attend the WQARF Advisory Board Meetings and thanked each one for their participation and dedication.

#### **12. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion**

The next meeting of the Park-Euclid Community Advisory Board will be held on **Wednesday, June 10, 2009**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the State of Arizona Regional Complex, 400 West Congress, North Building, Room 158, Tucson, Arizona. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, at (520) 628-6712 for more information.

*[The June 10, 2009, meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled after July 1, 2009.]*

#### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*This meeting was recorded on a digital device as a record of the proceedings. To listen to a recording, or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.*